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## The Light and Song of Christmas

Bethlehem and all Judea, all of Palestine, and all the Roman world was conscious of the might of Caesar and the weight of added taxes. Because of the new tax the roads were filled with those who must get back to the home precinct to be numbered with their own. That put the Nazareth family on the move at such a time that it would normally cling the more to home. Could it be that all the world was stirred by law that these should be at Bethlehem and so fulfill the prophecy that out of it should come forth Him that is to rule in Israel?

That a babe was born to travelers could be of small concern to a people absorbed in their own vexations and inconvenience. When had the world been in such a state as to tax a man for who he is and not for what he has? But inside the Roman curtain, they would do what Caesar said or pay a greater price. What was this world coming to? And who had time to take much note about a babe, another babe in Judea? So when the shepherds told them the things they heard and what they found in Bethlehem, they wondered — and returned to business, while the bearers of the tidings went back to their sheepfold *"glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen."* Luke 2:20.

The shepherds saw the angel and heard the message of provision for the souls of men: *"Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* As the bounds of invisibility were broken for that little while when Christ was born to be identified henceforth with men, the shepherds heard the heavenly chorus, that still brings hope to a world of strife as it is repeated year by year: *"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."* These common men about a common task had had the light of God upon them in the open field outside of Bethlehem and it was not long before they were at the manger to see the young child and to know that all was at it had been told them by the angel of the Lord.

The wise men saw the star and left their charts and meditations to follow this new brightness in the sky which led them to the presence of the Son of God now come to earth to live with men, some day to die to save them from the sin that binds and damns, and to rise again to justify the faith of all who will believe.

Those apprehended by the fact of Christ moved out of the natural orbit of their lives and sought to see Him and came to worship Him. Some could bring nothing but their interest; some brought

treasures from their riches. In either case, they all brought hearts of veneration for the holy Son of God. When their lives were touched by heaven, they moved out from the world around them and made their way to Him. His coming put them on the move; they could not stay the same. When they went back to their former lives, they were transformed men with a new knowledge and a new testimony.

Men live today amid a world forgetful of the Christ. The press of many interests holds their minds and hearts from seeing stars and hearing angel songs upon the night air of this life when faith comes knocking at the heart's door and life is offered for acceptance of the Saviour's pardoning grace. The gospel light shines out as bright as Bethlehem's star, and men can follow it to His dear presence. The song of peace, good will toward men still lends its harmonies to those who tune their hearts to catch the cadence from the Lord of light and life.

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One thorn of experience is worth a  
whole wilderness of warning.

## The Testimony of Another

(Another report on the fact the Pentecostal revival  
is known around the world.)

The Secretary of the Evangelical Union of South America, A. Stuart McNairn, has stoutly defended the Pentecostals of South America in a letter to the readers of a British magazine. In *Redemption Tidings*, official organ of Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland, appeared a portion of the letter. From that we give it to our readers.

"It was with deep interest I read your outspoken article in the July issue of B.S.B. on the 'Pentecostals,' and would congratulate you on your courage in directing the spotlight of truth on a much-maligned body whose work God is honouring in many parts of the world.

In Chile the Pentecostal Church is entirely national and self-supporting; and while there may be much that would not meet with the approval of the more sedate and orderly foreign-mission-based work and workers, it has struck deep roots into the very soil of Chile, and changed the lives of multitudes; and is outstandingly the largest and most notable movement in the evangelical life of that Republic.

An experienced missionary said, referring to the slow growth of the foreign denominational work, 'The Pentecostals are the most indigenous, self-sacrificing lot of us all.'

It is in Brazil that the Pentecostal Church finds its true ambiente. Among the warm-hearted Brazilians, especially where

the negro strain predominates, emotionalism is a universal national trait. And while this characteristic contributes to the phenomenal growth of the Evangelical Church of all denominations (which is exceeding the growth of the population—unique in the world), it is among the Pentecostal Churches that this emotional side of human nature finds its freest expression in its response to the Gospel.

Dr. Davis, than whom there are few more widely travelled or experienced missionary statesmen, in his study, 'How the Church Grows in Brazil,' gives considerable space to the Pentecostal work, returning to it again and again, and telling of his own experiences in their gatherings in all parts of the huge Republic.

He tells of the place of music in their worship, of how the whole congregation, in some places numbering thousands, are led to participate in the service; and while at times there was 'the sound of innumerable voices, all was orderly and controlled.'

'One reason why the Pentecostal Church is spreading so rapidly in . . . Brazil is because . . . instead of repressing and ignoring emotionalism, it has recognized it and harnessed it to the program and to the discipline of the church . . .

'One may venture to comment that the gift of emotionalism which God has bestowed so lavishly upon the Brazilian must carry with it the capacity for appre-



ciating certain attributes of the Creator which has been denied to people of a more phlegmatic temperament.'

'North American, European, and Brazilian sociologists are finding in the growth of the Evangelical communities a social phenomenon of extraordinary interest. In the church . . . the people enter a world of discipline, relationships, obligations and fellowship different from anything they have experienced. . . . The church, with its daily meetings and activities, becomes a new center around which they organize their lives. . . .

'There is a self-propagating power in a church in which the glow of the first experience of salvation is constantly found, as is true of these Pentecostal churches. The atmosphere and practice in their meetings is strikingly similar to that which was prominent in the Methodist and Baptist revival meetings of half a century ago.'

Dr. Davis deplors the tendency among the older Church denominations to condemn the Movement wholly because of some of the excesses to which over-emotionalism may sometimes lend itself, and suggests that it might lead to an enrichment of the inner life of their own members were they to recognize the God-given nature of emotion, and to encourage its greater expression in their own worship, but particularly when carrying the Gospel to peoples of different temperament from, and with fewer inhibitions than, ourselves.

Personally, while deploring the tendency of the Pentecostals in some places to indulge in rather shameless 'sheep-stealing,' I must add my testimony to that of Dr. Merle Davis to the truly wonderful contribution they are making to the evangelization of South America."

We appreciate the kind words of Mr. McNairn. And we would point out that often the epithet "sheep stealer" is hurled by those unhappy at losing adherents, at those who gain by the shifting of people, for reasons of their own, from one group to another. Where freedom of religion and freedom of assembly prevail, those who enjoy the pleasure of accepting new adherents should be braced against the temptation to be unkind when some decide to leave their company for another. M.M.

## Sharing With the Angels

(Luke 2:14)

There was light for all the world in the shining of the Christmas star. Christ's coming was not merely into the Holy Land. He came into all the world. True, much of His coming must be on the feet of His disciples, but that is part of the Christmas message.

The greatest truth of this day is a missionary truth. He is sharing the work of the Christmas angels who by any means is telling the world that God loves it, that Jesus came to save it.

—Expositor

# The Advent Season

By W. T. Gaston



We are again on the threshold of the calendar day when we celebrate an event that has been called the greatest in human history. Hundreds of millions will again review and relive the events of that holy night, when shepherds were constrained to say, "Let us go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass."

More than nineteen centuries have passed since the angel choir sang to amazed and wondering shepherds, and wise men from the east were led by the star to the true object of worship in the lowly manger. Never has the world needed the glad news that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners more than we need it today. At no time in history has there been so much suffering, so many who are hungry, bruised, and enslaved as at this very time.

Let the joyous Christmas bells ring again. Let the precious little ones sing their cheery little songs, and older children resort to pantomime and a dash of pageantry in an effort to portray the circumstances of the birth of our glorious Saviour. Even where the technique leaves much to be desired, something of the inherent reality of the advent message will linger to smooth rough pathways and push back the horizon for many who are fenced in. Verily there is eternal light and hope and joy in the good news that God has eternally linked Himself with humanity in the person of His only begotten Son—Immanuel.

The Christmas season is characterized by brightness and good cheer. Good tidings to all people was the theme of the first Christmas message. Down through the Christian era, those who have experienced that radiant joy that springs from the life which is the light of men have been inclined to give outward expression with bright symbols.

At this happy season the Christian will not forget that to this message of the revelation of God in the Christchild has been added the gospel of the humbling cross and triumphant resurrection. That wonderful glory that lit up the Judean hills now shines in full-orbed splendor in the hearts of the redeemed.

Outer glitter can never take the place of the inner glow. Yet I am inclined to believe that the urge to external brightness that is so apparent everywhere at this season is not without spiritual significance. Some of the more somber folk see an evil omen in the way we dress up the Christmas tree. We even wrap the gifts in colors that glow. Would it not be strange if the brightest event in

world history did not move us to celebrate it with all the radiance at our command?

Finally, I would remark that a Christian Christmas must ever be characterized by simplicity. In the records of Christ's nativity there is not a trace of pomp or worldly ostentation. There was nothing pretentious about the little town of Bethlehem. It was there in a rough stable that Mary brought forth her first-born son, wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger.

The place is now covered with a magnificent church, spacious and beautiful, with wonderful columns, a great central nave, amid aisles with forty-eight tall Corinthian monolith pillars of marble, each one two-and-a-half feet in diameter and seventeen feet tall. This is man's vain attempt to compensate for the loss of the true glory that was cradled in the manger and ever lingers near the cross. The utter simplicity of God's doings, His choice of this rugged setting for this supreme moment, was indeed marvelous and constitutes the most appealing and attractive feature of the Christmas story. "O come let us adore Him!"

## God With Us

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14.

Do you hear us, little Christ Child,  
Lying in the oxen's stall,  
Not unnamed have you been given,  
Do you know the name we call?  
You have come, a sign from heaven,  
With the sons of men to dwell.  
How we love the name God gave you  
When He said, "Immanuel."  
Still you bear that name of comfort  
Though the world be torn and mad.  
You have come to dwell among us  
And to make the sad world glad.  
Little Christ Child, dare we call you  
By that name we long to hear,  
When the world is crushed and bleeding  
Torn by war and greed and fear?  
Yes, by faith we dare to call you  
That blest name that girds the soul.  
Only as we own your presence  
Can the world again be whole.  
Close our ears to earth's confusion,  
Speak that name against all hell.  
Speak it deep within our beings,  
Help us say, "Immanuel."

—John Wright Follette.



# The New Testament Pentecostal Church

By Andrew Rahner

The New Testament Pentecostal Church in action is depicted throughout the Biblical book known as the Acts of the Apostles. Multitudes under the mighty power of God are soundly converted; Christians continue to grow in grace through the sanctifying power of Christ; miracles of healing are wrought; the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the demonized are liberated; the Christian believers are baptized in the Holy Spirit with the ever attending evidence of speaking in unknown languages as at the first Pentecostal outpouring in the upper room.

Characteristically it is a super-natural church operating in the realm of the divine, but always touching the hearts of men. Its performances are miraculous, convincing and convicting to sinners, bringing them to the foot of the cross until men find Christ in all His fulness. Three thousand souls are saved in a day. Deceivers like Annanias and Sapphira are exposed and judged by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a humble, simple church having all things in common, charitably sharing possessions with the needy brethren. Stalwart soldiers of the cross, like Stephen, Paul, and John on Patmos, persevere against all opposition, fearing neither fire, dungeon, nor sword in making the gospel known among peasant and potentate. Constantly in the great apostolic revivals, as under Philip in Samaria, the believers are expected to be baptized in the Holy Spirit as revealed in Acts 8:15: "*Who, when they, (Peter and John) were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost; for as yet he was fallen upon none of them.*"

It was a spiritual church filled with powerful passion to win men to Christ. Its glorious triumphs are simply revealed in the words of Acts 5:12-14: "*By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people . . . and believers were the more added to the Lord, both men and women.*" Its ministry consisted of Spirit-filled ministers exemplified by such men as Barnabas of whom it is said, "*For he was a good man, and full of the holy ghost, and of faith.*" Its message and program were a challenging and disturbing factor in the religious world, upsetting the Pharisaical pride and false dignity of the spiritually impotent priests of the so-

called *regular* denominations of the day. But not unlike the glorious Pentecostal movement of our day that is performing great exploits in the name of Christ, pointing the world and the Christian church back to God and to apostolic power, challenging men to a deeper, fuller, richer, and more glorious Christian experience in God, its message and program were repressed by certain leaders as in Acts the 17th chapter, where it is said, "*they were moved with envy.*" They sought to stifle the work of the Holy Spirit by untrue criticisms against God's people. But unwittingly the influence of these early apostolic Christians is confessed when before the rulers their persecutors excitedly charge, "*These that have turned the world upside down have come hither also.*" This triumph of the gospel by the early Pentecostal Christians is more magnificent when we realize the words of Acts 28:8, "*For as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.*"

Reviewing the apostolic church of ages gone by, I confess, without bias or pride, that the Pentecostal movement of this twentieth century which has spread all over the world numbering into the millions in the short space of forty years, also reads like the Acts of the Apostles! Historically, no one person is glorified as the founder of this present day movement; it is purely a work of the Holy Spirit having been experienced by unrelated groups of Christians at the turn of this century. Doctrinally it is evangelical, fundamental, and absolutely scriptural, basing its teachings upon truth revealed in the Word of God and subscribing to the ideals set forth in the church of the New Testament. Its program is evangelization and edification, winning men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ and building them up in the faith once delivered unto the saints.

T. B. Barratt, former Methodist minister in Oslo, Norway, once put it this way, "In justification by faith, we are Lutherans; in baptism by water, we are Baptists; in sanctification or holiness, we are early Methodists; but in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are Pentecostal!" It is the divine miraculous element of the baptism of the Holy Spirit evidenced by the speaking in other tongues that confuses some and is rejected because beyond the realm of their own experience. Sometimes distinctive denominational pride blinds some to this blessing, for they will admit of no further truth revealed to others. Some cannot comprehend God's truth because the very supernaturalness of this divine

## THE DREAM

I had a dream the other night,  
'Twas queer as queer could be,  
It seems my birthday came around  
But no one thought of me!  
O there was lots of happiness  
And there was joy, no doubt,  
But on my birthday it was strange  
That I should be left out!  
I saw so many presents given  
As nice as nice could be—  
Why, everybody had a gift,  
Yes, everyone but me!  
I heard some say, "Oh, I'm so tired,  
This birthday's such a strain—  
It means expense and extra work  
And now it's here again!"  
There was a lot of visiting—  
Relations and the rest;  
I really couldn't understand  
Why I was not a guest!  
And then I woke—'twas just a dream  
As queer as it could be,  
For when my birthday comes around  
So much is done for me!  
And then the meaning came so clear,  
I know what it was about,  
When Jesus' birthday comes around  
So often He's left out!  
There's happy Christmas feasting then  
And guests are all delighted,  
But often, to the Christmas feast,  
The Christ is not invited.  
So when we buy our Christmas gifts,  
And hearts with gladness brim,  
Be sure to give with loving heart  
A Christmas gift to him!  
So when we greet the Christmastide  
With joy for great and small,  
Remember Bethlehem's little Child  
And put Him first of all!

—Selected

power cannot be experienced by anything less than full and complete consecration to Christ, which harmonizes with that realm of spirituality which touches the hem of Christ's garment in believing faith, faith which believes that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever; that Christ, the giver of the Holy Spirit and worker of miracles, is the same unchangeable Saviour today as in the New Testament church. It is sadly admitted that the average Christian knows very little of the divine and supernatural manifestations of God as portrayed in the apostolic church, because his faith, teaching, and thinking are not within the realm of Pentecostal expectancy. But whenever God has found a group of Christian believers daring in faith to act and claim Pentecostal blessing, we have witnessed the great works of God in glorious conversions to Christ, healing of the sick, believers growing in holiness, Christians baptized in the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost, and signs and wonders done in the name of Christ.

Members of the New York-New Jersey District, Brother and Sister Rahner supplied the pulpit in Bethel Temple, Turlock, during the absence of Pastor Robert Carrington, when he was gone for two months to England and the Holy Land. This message was given over Radio KTUR, in Turlock.



# Three Keys to Blessing

By W. S. Barham

Matt. 16:19—"And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

The word *keys* is plural, suggesting that there are several keys necessary if we are to open the kingdom blessings upon our lives. The number *three* is the number of diety. We are suggesting three keys which will invariably open the treasure house of His grace for us; namely prayer, faith, and obedience.

As we consider the key of Prayer, we find its potentialities are marvelous, enabling us to cope with any situation, making possible the attaining of any goal or desire, for Jesus said, "*What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that you receive them, and ye shall have them.*" Mark 11:24.

Prayer is heart-to-heart communion with God, and it brings us into intimate living contact with Him. In this place or condition of contact, His life, His nature, His attributes, and His power are ours; and as we use this key we can be "*steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.*" — 1 Cor. 15:58.

The second key in this group is Faith. Paul tells us that "*faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*" Heb. 11:1. It can be translated as the assurance, the realiza-

tion, the certainty of things hoped for. The key of faith used in this sense makes us realize that all things are possible to him that believeth, that we can partake of unlimited fountains of grace and power as we believe, for we have access by faith into His grace. Romans 5:2. Without the use of the key of faith, it is impossible for us to please God, for through its exercise we believe that He is alive and that He rewards them that diligently seek Him. The exercise of, or use of, this key enables us to command the works of God's hands. Isaiah 45:11.

Then there is the key of Obedience, for there is a progressive walk with God in the use of these three keys. When we use the key of prayer we are encouraged also to use the key of faith, and prayer and faith will engender a spirit of obedience to God. When we obey, our weakness and frailty are lost sight of and we rise to the heights of accomplishment in Him.

We sin when we fail to use these God-given keys. Samuel said to Israel, "God forbid that I should sin in ceasing to pray for you." Paul said, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." And finally, Jesus comes with this superlative statement: "*He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love Him, and will manifest myself to him.*" John 14:21.

Surely the possession of these three keys should challenge us to use them for His glory and our good.

this. That is why God has us where we are. We are in God's school of life and circumstance. We are engaged in war, a spiritual war unto death, eternal death. We are being tested for rewards which shall endure forever. God is preparing us to win this spiritual war so that we may live forever, so that we may receive eternal reward in the kingdom of heaven. God does this by having us sometimes away from home, sometimes in dryness, sometimes in longing, sometimes in suffering and tears. We are in God's school (Hallelujah!). We are learning Christ! He is our home. He is our drink. He is our joy. He is our all.

But in God's school we long for things until we cry. Then one of God's mighty men, at great cost to self, brings us the longing of our heart. But we are not worthy, we are not ready. We are still in God's school, learning to put spiritual things before fleshly desires, learning to put God before self, learning to put God's will ahead of our will. So we must pour out the fulfillment of this desire to God. It is a sacrifice to God. It must not be consumed upon the altar of flesh or personal self. Man cannot accept sacrifices which belong to God. He cannot receive the glory that belongs to God. He cannot receive the honor that belongs to God. He cannot receive the praise that belongs to God. So pour these out to God: glory and honor and praise.

Then suddenly our hearts and lives are full. We are strong, we are drinking, we are eating, we have great joy, we have victory. We are at home. God has ministered to us. Then we remember another mighty one, a lovely one, a beautiful one, who broke through the ranks of the enemy on Calvary's hill. He overcame the cross. He overcame death. He overcame hell. He overcame the grave. He overcame these that He might minister to you and me in dryness, in longing, in suffering and tears, and in death. He overcame that He might give us life, eternal life, the deepest longing of our hearts, that He might make us worthy of this blessing, that we might have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14.

"*And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*" Rev. 22:1-5.

We all should have . . .

## Proper Respect For Our Blessings

By Ivan Chapman

"*And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.*"

*And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines then in Bethlehem.*

*And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!*

*And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord.*

*And he said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would*

*not drink it. These things did these three mighty men."* 2 Samuel 23:13-17.

In the time of harvest, David longed for a drink (of the good old waters!). But God had David where he was — in dryness, in a cave. God had David there for his own good far from the house of the Lord (no church or Sunday school). God had David away from home, away from the Lord's house. in dryness and thirst, and in war! God had David there to learn that God is drink in a dry, thirsty land. To learn that God is our keeper in war as well as in church and Sunday school. To learn that we can be at home in Christ wherever we are.

In the time of harvest, David longed! In the time of harvest, if we are not careful, we shall live in memory, in experience; we shall long for the good old times, while we neglect the always present opportunities and blessings of God. God is more than history. God is more than past experience. God is more than a miracle. We, you and I, must learn

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There is no easy . . .

## Road to the Top

By Richard Orchard

The road to the top has always been the same: work, prayer, tears, consecration, self-denial, and always more work.

There are many roads that people walk — roads of heartache, rough roads, smooth roads, pathways of pain, and pathways of pleasure. The greedy, envious road that Judas walked led to an unmarked grave in the potter's field. The desert road to Gaza led Evangelist Philip to a new convert and a lovely baptismal service. The road to Emmaus led two disciples to a heart-warming revelation of the risen Christ.

The road to the top of Calvary was rugged. The Son of God walked it beneath a heavy cross. He walked it to the cracking of the Roman whip. He walked it to the tune of the jibes, insults, jests, and unholy laughter of a religious mob, which had lost the true perspective, and whose hearts were alien from God. But His arrival on the top of that rugged hill meant salvation for this lost race and brought to Him eternal glory.

The road to the top of Mount Pisgah was a hard one. That road led Moses, the servant of God, through many years of work in the barren desert, then many more years in a wilderness, where his daily menu was the criticism, murmuring, rebellious words and spirit of a people who were dissatisfied with everything. But, at the end of the road, there on the top of the mount, was the glorious view of the promised land, a promotion to the glory world, and a crown of life that fadeth not away.

There are many young Christians with hearts leaning toward full-time Christian service who envy those in large churches. The thought, has, no doubt, escaped them that most all successful pastors and other Christian workers have had several years of trials of faith, hard

knocks, reverses, instructions, corrections, rebukes, and other testings. Their present position has not been attained in a day, or a month, or a year; it has been through a series of promotions by the Lord, Who has seen their labors, consecrations, self-denials, tears, prayers, and courage to go on at any cost.

It has been observed that many students in our schools of Christian learning feel they must have a car, and others spend much on their wardrobe while complaining about the high cost of living at the institution. We would urge such to curb their desire for these things, set their heads and hearts on obtaining instruction in the Word, and practice self-denial for the high and holy task of serving God in the years ahead. It is not for any Christian worker to aim at ease and comfort, though this may come in the course of his work. It is rather for the worker to aim at the glorifying of God, throwing himself into God's service with the whole heart and soul. Such a one will be pleasantly amazed at the things God gives to him.

To one inquiring the way to successful Christian service, here is the answer. It will take much study, the reading of good books, especially The Book; living in them, building the mind for clear thinking, building the memory, gleaned from the best in other lives. It will take courage to face the hardships that often come to such workers. It will take "godliness with contentment" when the supply of food is meager, the clothing worn, and the circumstances not too bright. It will take a daily refreshing of the soul at the throne of grace. There will never be a substitute for a consistent prayer life. It takes the crucifixion of our own ambitions and desires as to what we want to be, for our lives must be wholly placed in the hand of God. We must cultivate manners, courtesies, and hospitalities. A true Christian worker need

have no worries about his success if he will always radiate the loveliness of Jesus.

Aspire to noble things. There is always room at the top. The world needs more people like the early disciples and apostles, who, though some were martyred, left their imprint in world affairs. *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."* I Peter 5:6.

## Alone

It is human to stand with the crowd, it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle to turn the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battlescarred apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.

And of the lonely way His disciples should walk He said: "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Of their treatment by the many who walk in the broad way, He said: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

The church in the wilderness praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. The church of the Kings praised Moses and persecuted the prophets.

The church of Caiaphas praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus. The church of the popes praised the Saviour and persecuted the saints. And multitudes now, both in the church and in the world, applaud the courage and fortitude of the patriarchs and prophets, the apostles and martyrs, but condemn as stubbornness or foolishness like faithfulness to truth today.

Wanted today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at the cost of fortune and friends and life itself.—Selected

Brother Orchard is pastor of the church in Chico.



## GLAD TIDINGS SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS:

### JANUARY 26, 1953

New Students accepted. Address all inquiries to:

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Glad Tidings Bible Institute,  
P. O. Box 961,  
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# The District Council

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Asst. Superintendent

## Home Missions Committee Visits the Churches

By C. E. Persing, Chairman  
Home Missions Committee

On the suggestion of Brother Gaston, our District Superintendent, the Home Missions Committee visited some 48 churches in our missionary circle during the latter part of September. Those who made the trip are K. M. Haystead, R. J. Thurmond, Chas. L. Elmes, L. H. Rogers, E. W. Knutson, and C. E. Persing.

We wish to report that there is victory and a vision in the hearts of the ministers in these needy fields of labor. Almost every home missionary church is in a building program or doing some manner of improvement.

The Cloverdale church, pastored by Brother Mack Lancaster, has purchased lots and is getting ready to build.

The church at Thorn has the foundation and sub-floor laid for a parsonage. It will need assistance to buy materials in order to complete the new home.

The Weitchpec church, near the mouth of the Klamath River and pastored by Brother Wesley Davidson, has a faithful little group that keeps the doors open.

In the Somes Bar Assembly, pastored by Sister Gertrude Riecke, we had a most wonderful service. Some of the Indians walked four miles both ways to be at the services. They have recently put a new roof on the church, and a good work is being done there. Our Sister Riecke and co-worker are badly in need of a car. Pray that God will touch some heart for this need, for they are miles from the nearest neighbor.

The Weaverville church, started and pastored by Brother Ray Oliver, had a dedication service for its newly purchased property, and a good crowd attended. Brother Haystead brought the dedication message. And we appreciated the lovely entertainment.

On Sunday evening we had charge of the service and ministered in Gardnerville, Nevada, where Brother Lewis Dean is the new pastor. Though this is a new project, good progress is being made, including an attempt to purchase a building.

## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Warm holiday greetings and best wishes from all at the District office that the Lord's blessing be upon you and yours and your efforts in His service this Christmas season and all the coming year.

THE W. T. GASTON  
THE K. M. HAYSTEAD  
THE R. J. THURMOND  
MARJORIE MADDOCKS

Yerington, Nevada, is a promising little city of activity. Brother and Sister Hudson are faithfully preaching the gospel and have possibilities of having a good church.

At Lovelock, Brother Ralph Ross, with his parents, is doing a very good work and ministering to a faithful band of believers. It was our privilege to have a good service and to stay overnight. The fellowship and hospitality were precious.

The Lord blessed in our services at Elko, where Brother Travis F. Baker is having a good ministry. The congregation has a lovely brick church building on the main street of the city. Brother and Sister Tewell spent many years establishing this good church. We all enjoyed entertainment there, too.

The church in Ely is another home missionary project. Brother and Sister Carl Wilhite have done well in establishing an assembly with a number of saints. They have been especially blessed with young people. Their church property is good and well located. The radio broadcast is a great help in making contacts. God gave us a great service there.

We had a service at the Fallon Full Gospel Church, where Kathleen Carter and Rose Mary Berlin are doing a great work for God. They have recently purchased a bus to help in Sunday school work. Their hospitality, too, was greatly appreciated.

We need a renewed vision and a real spiritual awakening for home missions in this District. The need is great; the

## Coming Resolutions

According to the bylaws adopted at the last District Council session: "All resolutions (except emergency measures) must be in the hands of the committee not later than December 15. The committee shall mail copies of all such resolutions to the voting constituency of the District not later than thirty days prior to the convening of the District Council." Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph b.

## Incorporated Churches

It is the law that every domestic non-profit corporation expressly exempted from taxation under the Bank and Corporation Franchise Tax Act shall file in the office of the Secretary of State each calendar year a statement of the name of its president, or other head, its secretary or clerk, and other officers desired, and a statement of the location and address of its principal office in this State.

The one in each church taking care of this matter should write the Secretary of State, Sacramento, for the form so it can be sent in before December 31.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

### DECEMBER

- 1—Castro Valley, Stockton  
(East Side)
- 8—Concord, Hollister, Palo Alto  
(First), Rockport
- 15—Chowchilla, Sebastopol

### JANUARY

- 1—Red Bluff
- 5—Oakland (First)
- 12—Pittsburg, Watsonville  
(Monte Vista Christian  
School)
- 19—Fairfield
- 20—Hills
- 26—Patterson, Willows

time is short. Let us support with our finances and gifts these sacrificing workers for God who are willing to go into these byways to give the gospel.

The committee members express deep appreciation for these workers' sacrifices and untiring efforts to save the lost.

**DISTRICT COUNCIL** February 25, 26, 27  
**Richmond Full Gospel Temple**



## Another Convention Becomes History

A full week end of activity was enjoyed by many of Christ's Ambassadors during the fall C.A. convention in Sacramento. Early on Friday they began to arrive from all sections of this Northern California-Nevada District. About sixty-five started on the tour of the State Capitol and were joined by that many more before it was ended. C.A.'s saw a man hold \$90 million in one hand as he talked to them in the State Treasurer's office. They met a State senator and sat in the Governor's chair. It was an exciting tour on Friday afternoon.

That night marked the beginning of the convention in the Memorial Auditorium. The Bethel Temple choir and orchestra provided a musical background for a full and lively service. Evangelist Ralph Wilkerson brought a stirring message on the baptism of the Holy Spirit as our "Pentecostal Heritage." Several received this wonderful experience during the old-time altar service in the orchestra pit of the auditorium.

Saturday morning began with a seminar for local officers. Directed by Jim Swanson, this phase of program provided many helpful suggestions for C.A. services. In the morning service a Speed-the-Light report was given by Fred Leader, who is the field representative for this missionary arm of our organization. Don Mallough then brought a timely message on the need for revival.

The annual business session was called to order in the afternoon and after reports were given the election of officers began. Dick Fulmer, Wesley

Steelberg, and Forrest Beiser declined to allow their names to be considered for re-election as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer respectively. The new president-elect is Ray Lockwood, the pastor at Riverbank. Brother Lockwood is also the C.A. chairman for the North San Joaquin Section. The vice-president-elect Walter Boring, pastor of the Capitol Assembly in Sacramento and the C.A. chairman for the Capitol Section. As time finally ran out it was consented by the body to place the appointment of a secretary-treasurer into the hands of the District officary and C.A. executives. Due to the qualifications for such an office, it has been considered that appointment might be a wise procedure hereafter. The appointment will be tried this year, with the final decision to be made by the body at the next annual business session.

The Sunday afternoon service included a presentation by the C.A.'s of the Sacramento churches called "Home Town U.S.A." This was followed by a message from our Assistant District Superintendent, Kenneth Haystead. A consecration service marked the rededication of youth for His service.

The ministry of Ralph Wilkerson was a blessing to everyone.

Words, like honey bees, can leave sweetness or a sting.

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Where one goes hereafter depends largely upon what one goes after here.

## A Christmas Thought

Christ Jesus was born in a stable . . .

A birthplace of humblest degree,  
So that no one could say, "I am poorer,  
More lacking in comforts than He,"

His mother in swaddling clothes wrapped  
Him,

The wardrobe of One, the Divine,  
That no one could say of the raiment,  
"Christ's garments were better than  
mine."

His home and His comforts were borrowed.  
No pillow for resting His head.

But He lived, and He suffered and  
sorrowed,

To give us true comforts instead.  
In Glory His wealth had been boundless!

He laid all those riches aside,  
That we might have riches eternal,  
And with Him forever abide.

—Mrs. F. A. Breck

## Back to God

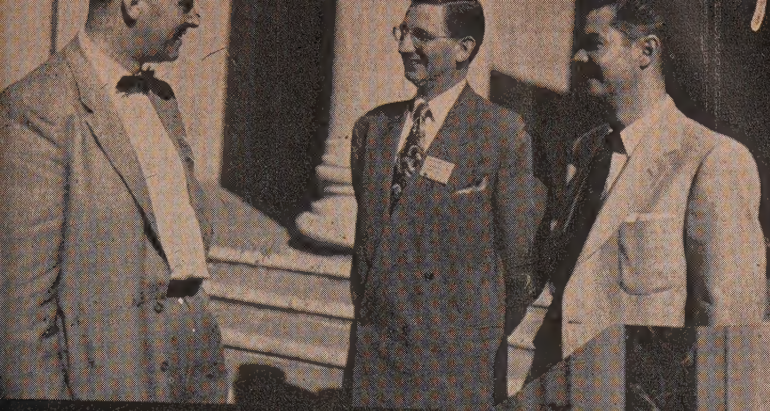
Calvin Coolidge said, "I do not see any method of improving our social and economic relations except through the teachings of religion. In fact, it is my belief that we have gone as far as we can in progress and reform until we have a more general acceptance of the truths of the Bible. If these are permitted to slip away from us, the progress we have already accomplished will vanish with them." Mr. Coolidge is gone, but his words remain, and it looks like his prophecy has about been fulfilled. God is the only hope of our nation He said in His Word. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."—Selected

**SEEN AT THE SACRAMENTO CONVENTION** 1. Guests of the convention: Don Mallough, National C. A. Secretary; James Montgomery, C. A. Director for all of Canada; and Dean Duncan, C. A. president of Southern California District. 2. The group of convention delegates on tour of the State Capitol. 3. Bert Webb, National C. A. Director, brings words of greeting from headquarters. 4. California State Senator L. G. Sutton speaks to the C. A. delegates in the Senate Chamber. 5. Governor Earl Warren's secretary issues State seal souvenirs to C. A. officers. 6. Joseph Prettyman directs the Bethel Temple orchestra nightly during the convention. 7. Panel discussion in local officers' seminar is participated in by Jim Swanson, James Montgomery, and Don Mallough. 8. Missions R. B. Cavaness and Kirk Sover "take over" a portion of the seminar. 9. A musical interlude is provided by Dick Orchard, Gene Scott and Bill Smith. 10. The Evangelaires quartet provide inspiring song for convention's services. 11. Everybody registers for convention. 12. The list of nominees for District C. A. president. 13. Retiring president, Dick Fulmer, presents the new president-elect Ray Lockwood. 14. Best wishes are in order for the new officers.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED by Ralph Wilkerson, the convention speaker, to Ray Lockwood and Walter Boring, the new C. A. president and vice-president-elect.





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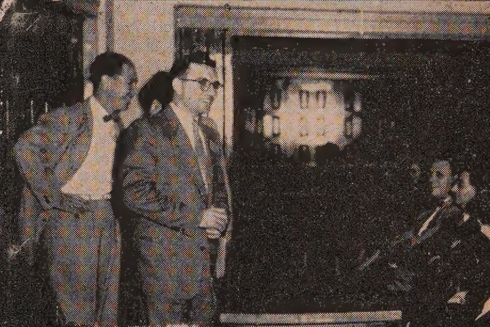
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Richard Orchard	...
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L. W. SUTER  
District Sunday  
School Director

## Ignorance is Not Bliss

Any Sunday School teacher or worker will tell you, contrary to the well-known platitude "ignorance is bliss," that training is essential in Sunday school work. Ignorance is not bliss. In order to teach, one must be trained to know his subject and understand those whom he is trying to make learn.

In Matthew 17 a story is recorded of the disciples not being able to cure a child who was a lunatic. The disciples had gone forth in their zeal without knowing the prerequisites necessary to perform certain phases of their ministry. Jesus rebuked them and said, "This type cometh out only by prayer and fasting." Here the disciples attempted to work for the Lord before they fully understood the principles involved in executing their task. Christian workers often make similar errors. For example, the Christian worker may come before a Sunday school class without taking the time to train himself and learn about his individual pupils, without bothering to go into any further study than is suggested in his quarterly. One way he could prepare himself for some future opportunity is to attend the training courses offered by his church. Yet if he is not already a teacher, this effort may seem futile to him. With this attitude towards workers' training, an individual will be totally unprepared if he is suddenly asked to fill in and teach a class. Such a person may even refuse to teach in the Sunday school, using the excuse that he is not qualified, when many resources from which to learn are at his fingertips if he only wished to avail himself of them. Many Christians never actively engage in any kind of Christian service because they have not been trained.

On the other hand, some people feel that training is not necessary. These individuals have the impression that the only qualification for a Sunday school teacher is that he be a born-again, Holy Ghost-filled believer. Yet the mighty Spirit-filled Peter, rough-hewn and uneducated in the eyes of the world, needed to study. He spent three years learning at the feet of Jesus before going out to preach and teach. The scribes and pharisees took note of him that he had been with Jesus. Christ could have busied himself with many other activities, but the teaching ministry was so important to Him that He spent the three years

preceding His crucifixion preparing Peter and other men to carry on His work, teaching them with His rich insight into the human heart and mind the same principles the teacher must know and study today.

The world is still talking about Christ's teaching. When He was on earth, interest in His lectures was so high that the citizens would not let Him rest. He had to take refuge in ships or flee to the mountains to pray. Men and women enthusiastically went abroad proclaiming His truths. Jews were persuaded to accept His teaching. Thousands were added to the church through the ministry of His disciples. The number of gospel teachers and preachers constantly increased. Christians steadily grew stronger in His doctrines. The entire church was strengthened. From the simple beginnings of Christ's teaching ministry in one small part of the world, Christianity has widened into the broad field of teaching and evangelism of today. Likewise, the outcome of your own workers' training course may surprise you. The results of faith and perseverance, applied by prayer, labor, and method, cannot be determined.

Christ's example of spending three years training twelve men to carry His gospel should make the church of today acutely conscious of the need for training workers. Realizing the necessity for training among our teachers and leaders, the district Sunday school directors decided to set aside January as Training

## Is Your School Tithing?

A number of Sunday schools in our District have started tithing of their regular offerings. This tithe is sent to the District office for the support of the District Sunday School Department.

We have received word from the following schools that they made a decision during the month of October to start tithing to the District office.

Dos Palos (Assembly of God), O. C. Kitchens, pastor.

Los Banos (Assembly of God), Thomas Ming, Jr., pastor.

Merced (Assembly of God Tabernacle), J. C. Snyder, pastor.

Modesto (South Modesto Assembly of God), Harry Oeth, pastor.

North Sacramento (Church of the Redeemed) J. H. Williams, pastor.

Point Arena (Community Gospel Center) Frank C. Horne, pastor.

If your school is tithing please drop the Sunday school office a card letting us know of your decision, as we would like to list your name with the others.

Month. The goal is "a trained teacher in every classroom." Each year a course of study is chosen. This year the book *Ye Shall Be Witnesses*, a study in Pentecostal personal evangelism, was written especially for Training Month. It stresses the reliance of the worker upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit that conversions may be effected in the Sunday school classroom. Other workers' training courses are designed to instruct workers along the lines of teaching methods, Sunday school organization, pupil study, Bible doctrines, Bible atlas, and Bible history.

In order to effectively teach, every worker must know the Word, the pupil, and the method. From the viewpoint of a Sunday school worker, training is vitally important.

"The first hour of morning is the ruler of the day."—Henry Ward Beecher



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, held September 30 and October 1, 2, was well attended, as evidenced by above picture. Shown third from the right on the front row of the center section is Brother Ralph M. Riggs, Assistant General Superintendent, who was the main speaker.





**BROTHER and SISTER LOWELL DOWDY and Jonathan in front of the church in Valdivia, Chile.**

### Area-wide Training Courses

A number of area-wide Workers' Training Courses has been planned for the district. Any Sunday school that has 50 per cent or more of its officers and teachers who receive certificates in any one of these courses will be given full credit for a training course. The courses will begin on Mondays and close on Fridays. Evening services ONLY will be held.

We urge you to plan on attending the course nearest you. Bring all of your workers, as well as anyone else who would like to attend. If possible, drop the Sunday school office a card and let us know how many books you will need for your group. We will have a supply of books on hand. We will be using the new book *Ye Shall Be Witnesses* in most of these courses. Your district director will be serving as instructor.

The courses will be held in the following places:

PITTSBURG (Bella Vista) Dec. 29 thru Jan. 2.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) Jan. 5 thru Jan. 9.

MODESTO (6th & G Tabernacle) Jan. 12 thru Jan. 16.

TURLOCK (Bethel Temple) Jan. 19 thru Jan. 23.

YUBA CITY (Calvary Tabernacle) Jan. 26 thru Jan. 30.

CHOWCHILLA (Assembly—4th & Orange Sts.) Feb. 2 thru Feb. 6.

STOCKTON (Calvary Tabernacle) Feb. 9 thru Feb. 13.

ROSEVILLE (Glad Tidings) Feb. 16 thru Feb. 20.

TRACY (Assembly of God) Mar. 16 thru Mar. 20.

JACKSON (Assembly of God) Mar. 30 thru April 3.

## Missions

### Chile

*(Brother and Sister Lowell Dowdy are working in Valdivia, the capital city of the state by that name, in south Chile, where summer is just arriving.)*

We are happy to report victory over the power of darkness. One has received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, several have had remarkable healings, and numbers have found Christ as their personal Saviour. A few weeks ago a new brother, a plumbing contractor, came forward to be prayed for. He had rheumatism so badly in his right arm and hand he could not move his fingers. Immediately after being anointed and prayed for, he could straighten his fingers easily and without pain. He is completely healed. Another was healed almost instantly of eczema on both arms and hands. Blessed is the promise: "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds." Psalm 147:3.

Musical instruments here are all imported; therefore the prices are extremely high. However, by faith the church bought an old second-hand piano that is in good condition, and, thanks to those who have helped with this, it is more than half paid for. Eight of the C.A.'s are taking lessons and are showing promise that one day some of them will be able to play for our services.

The children's Bible hour is growing rapidly. We have two teachers instead of one. The record attendance, today, is 89. Through the winter the Sunday attendance did not drop below 150, and we had an all-time high of 168.

Collico, our outstation work adjacent to Valdivia, is progressing. A couple of weeks ago we came in contact with a young couple who were baptized in water in Santiago in 1949 by Brother Theodore Bueno. Their home now is in Collico. They are now coming to our church and they have offered the use of their living room for services.

The warden of the city prison is favorable to the gospel, giving us the use of the prison classroom on Saturday afternoons for services. This institution is the clearing house for the entire State of Valdivia. First we have a service for women, and it is followed by one for the men. On receiving the promise to read them daily, we have given 135 New Testaments in the past two months.

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### Africa

*(Brother and Sister J. W. Nilsen are at the mission station in Gombari, Kibali Ituri, in the Belgian Congo.)*

We recently dedicated a new chapel which has been erected at Kandi's village. It was full to overflowing for the occasion. When we arrived at the vil-

### Dowdy

lage, the boys and girls were quick to supply us with wood and water and to make themselves useful in any other chore that had to be done. They cheerfully took care of our evangelists. They brought dry banana leaves, which make a very comfortable bed for them. All the people seem thrilled that we came to see them. They sang for us and quoted Scriptures which they had memorized.

From Kandi's Village we went on to Tshogas, where we had some very fine services. This is a very rainy season, and sometimes the roads become impassable. This is what happened while we were in that village; so our plans had to be changed, for we were unable to reach other villages we had planned to visit.

Several young couples have come to tell us they feel the Lord would have them enter Bible school to prepare for His work. We have some fine couples that will soon graduate from Bible school and return to this station to be placed in villages that are begging for workers.

As a result of the constant contact with the nearby villages, our attendance is increasing in all church services on the station, and increasing numbers of boys and girls are attending our schools. An increasing number of women are attending the women's prayer meetings and they are doing a great deal of personal work in the nearby villages.

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### Hawaii

### McCollister

*(Brother and Sister Glen McCollister pastor the church in Lanikai, Oahu, the same island on which Honolulu is situated.)*

We saw quite a number accept Christ as their Saviour and many healed by the power of God during the meeting we had with Brother A. C. Valdez, Jr., in September. We praise God for the growth in the Sunday school; the attendance has reached 115. It has been steadily climbing. Now we are crowded for Sunday school space, and the church needs to be enlarged. Pray with us that we may be financially able to enlarge and that we can have a much needed bus.

We are very happy to have Miss Anna Garland, Mrs. McCollister's sister, with us to assist in the work here. She arrived in September and has already proven to be a blessing. She is in charge of the Sunday school, teaches a class, conducts Primary church on Sunday mornings and Junior church on Friday evenings. There are plans being made for the opening of children's Bible clubs in different sections of Kailua in the near future. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach many more children with the gospel.



# Here and There

**BLUE LAKE**—The three weeks of meetings Evangelist Z. P. Miller held there in October were climaxed the last night by five young people coming to the Lord, reports Pastor H. H. Teeters.

**BURLINGAME**—The Peninsula fellowship meetings were held there October 20. There was no afternoon service. Pastor C. E. Curtright of South San Francisco was the speaker in the evening. The pastor in Burlingame is Leonard Palmer.

**BURNEY**—Brother J. H. Creel resigned as pastor on November 2.

**CARSON CITY**—Evangelists Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw were there for three weeks of meetings, which closed November 9. Good results were reported, from house-to-house visitation, as well as in the regular services. The pastor is H. G. Rannels.

**CASTRO VALLEY**—Pastor N. F. Mattson reports: "We just closed a revival meeting with the Sherratt evangelistic party. We enjoyed their music and preaching, and the meeting will long be remembered."

**CHOWCHILLA (Alamo)** — The South San Joaquin fellowship meeting was held October 27 in the church in the Alamo district near Chowchilla. The ladies served a fellowship dinner between the services. The speaker in the afternoon was Sister Edith Birmingham. In the evening Pastor W. E. Hubbard of Delhi brought the message. The pastor of the Alamo church is H. E. Barnard.

**COLUSA** — The new pastor is Reuben Wilson, Jr., who returns to this District from Umatilla, Oregon. He succeeds Brother Billy S. Parks, now in Marysville.

**COTATI**—Brother John A. Westfall of Point Arena has been called to be the new pastor, succeeding Brother W. J. Griggs, who started the work a few years ago and has a building program well under way.

**COVELO**—The assembly has purchased a parsonage on property adjoining the church property. Pastor Don North reports that special prayer meetings have resulted in a revival spirit in the church, there being some miracles of healing and praying for souls.

**DIXON**—Pastor Stanley Walsh reports: "Ross and Iverna Lamb held an eight-day meeting in October. It was primarily a deeper life service. However, souls were at the altar for salvation and others received the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

**ELY, Nevada**—Evangelists Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw began a campaign for Pastor C. F. Wilhite on November 11. Brother Wilhite reports: "The Nevada fellowship meeting was held here Monday, October 20. Pastor Travis Baker of Elko brought the afternoon message. Pastor Charles L. Elmes of Reno brought the evening message. The blessing of the

Lord was upon both services. Our average attendance in Sunday school last month was 36. We are seeing folks saved and healed in all of our services. We enjoyed the time of refreshing as the Home Missions committee visited us. It made us feel that we are a little nearer the District and its many functions."

**FERNDALE**—Several were saved in the recent meetings Evangelist Z. P. Miller held with Pastor Wilford Frazier.

**FOLSOM**—In October Brother Fred W. Pagel started a new gospel work in the town of Folsom, holding the services in the Eagles' Hall. The first Sunday there were 15 persons present.

**FORT BRAGG**—Pastor F. T. Alford reports on the Lake-Mendocino fellowship meeting held there October 13: "The afternoon speakers were Don North, John Franklin, and John Westfall. Each spoke on three of the gifts of the Spirit. The evening speaker was former pastor Ivan Chapman. A fellowship dinner was served between services in an uptown hall. There were good crowds, there being a full house in the evening."

**GARDNERVILLE, Nevada** — The new pastor, successor to Brother Glenn Hannan, is Louis Dean.

**HAWTHORNE, Nevada**—Brother C. C. Anderson has resigned as pastor.

**HIGHWAY CITY**—Pastor A. M. Redding reports: "Sister Mae Dell Darden held three weeks of revival for us, resulting in 16 being saved and several being filled with the Holy Ghost."

**LAS VEGAS, Nevada**—The Evangelaires had a good revival campaign with Pastor Thomas G. Sutton for two weeks in October, from the 12th to the 26th.

**KELSEYVILLE**—Brother Luther Perkins has resigned as pastor, as of November 1, because of Sister Perkins' health. They have returned to Seaside to live. This was the second time for Brother Perkins to serve the church as its pastor.

**LODI**—The North San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there November 10 was an all-day gathering, there being a ministers' seminar in the morning in addition to the regular services. Brother Kenneth Haystead was the morning and evening speaker. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Wm. T. Scott of Oroville. The pastor in Lodi is Kelsey C. Prinzing.

**LOWER LAKE** — The presbyter, J. R. Edgar, reports that the Lake-Mendocino fellowship held there November 10 enjoyed a refreshing outpouring on the services. The afternoon speaker was Pastor Don Morrow of Willits. Pastor Chas. Coffey of Watsonville brought the evening message. The pastor in Lower Lake is George McQueen.

**McKINLEYVILLE** — The remodeled church was dedicated in special services November 9 and 10, with Brother Thurmond as the main speaker. Pastor Charles Kerner and helpers have worked hard all summer and fall to get the building ready for the occasion. Evangelist W. G. Lyon of Berkeley held special meetings there October 12 to 26 with good results.

**MODESTO (Bethel)**—Pastor Donald G. Weston reports: "We recently had a revival meeting with Evangelists Ross and Iverna Lamb. Sixteen received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, several were saved, and there were some blessed healings. The Lambs had a good ministry with us. A pipe organ is being installed in the church, a gift from the Ichord family in memory of Sister Lavena Ichord, who passed away about a year ago. At present we are in revival meetings with Perry and Lois McGaffee of Portland, Oregon."

**MORGAN HILL**—Evangelist and Mrs. L. C. Eldridge, formerly of Santa Barbara, held a good revival campaign with Pastor A. E. Gunter from October 12 to November 2.

**NEWARK**—The following appeared in local newspapers the latter part of October: "The GOOD NEWS RADIO HOUR, originating in the Newark Assembly and featuring the music of the church pipe organ, together with choice local talent, will take to the air lanes Monday, October 27. The broadcast will be heard on Station KEEN, 1370 kc, Monday through Friday mornings at 8:05, immediately following the popular eight o'clock newscast. The programs will be directed by Pastor and Mrs. Riley Kaufman, who spent a number of years in radio broadcasting in Los Angeles, in Canada, and in Seattle, Washington, before accepting leadership of the Newark Assembly of God Church."

Pastor Kaufman reports that at least three made profession of accepting Christ as their Saviour during meetings in September with the Everett Sherratt evangelistic party.

**OAKLAND (First Church)**—Evangelist Loren Case of Canada held good meetings there in October with Pastor F. A. Sturgeon.

**PETALUMA**—On Monday, October 20, the church was host to the North Bay fellowship meeting. Brother Kenneth Haystead was the afternoon speaker and presided at the open forum that followed. The evening speaker was Evangelist H. E. Schneidau. The pastor in Petaluma is E. G. Skultety.

**PLACERVILLE**—In October Evangelist Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw held a revival campaign for Pastor E. W. Knutson.

**POINT ARENA** — The new pastor is Brother Frank C. Horne, successor to Brother John A. Westfall, who has gone to Cotati. He was in Point Arena for a little over seven years.

**RED BLUFF**—The new pastor is Brother James A. Benney, formerly of Yreka.



**RIO LINDA**—The new pastor is James F. Lewis, who comes to us from Southern California. The former pastor was Chester Kenworthy.

**SAN JOSE (Bethel)** — Beginning October 26, Evangelist Paul Cook of Modesto held a revival campaign with Pastor E. O. Robeck for two weeks with good results.

**SANTA CRUZ (First Assembly)** — Thirty-six received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and some were saved in the unusually good meeting Evangelist W. S. Barham held with Pastor R. P. Murray from October 14 to November 9. Dr. Barham, a former Methodist minister, is from Houston, Texas.

**SEBASTOPOL**—Brother J. C. Gaither supplied the pulpit for the month of November, while Pastor P. R. Ford was on a vacation trip in the East.

**SOQUEL** — On Sunday afternoon, November 16, the newly acquired building which is the new home of the Soquel assembly was dedicated in a special service befitting the occasion. Brother Gaston was the guest speaker and dedicated the former eating establishment as a house of prayer and worship. Sister Elizabeth Mehninger, now Mrs. Claude Richardson and still pastor of the church, started the work in Soquel, having her first Sunday school and church services February 6, 1949. There were seven in attendance that first day of Sunday school in the little old building, which had served many years as a cabinetmaker's workshop. The first convert, 83 years of age, is still with the growing assembly. The Sunday school attendance has grown to 98 by mid-November.

**THORN**—Brother Jasper Ellis has resigned as pastor. Sister Iva Marlenee is serving as interim pastor until another permanent pastor is chosen.

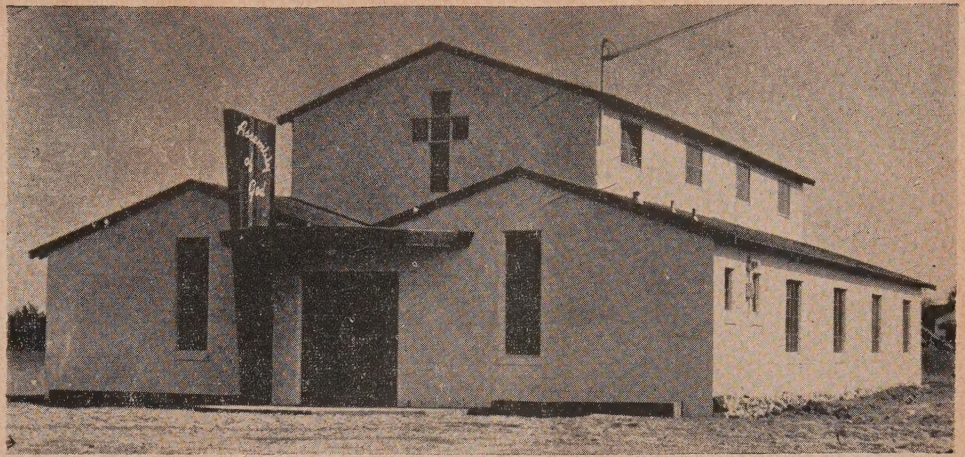
**TULELAKE**—The fellowship meeting of the Shasta area was held there October 21. Evangelist B. H. Givens was the speaker in the afternoon. In the service, the speaker was Evangelist Fannin of Oklahoma. The pastor in Tulelake is Glen Ayers.

**TURLOCK**—Brother Harry Leacock of Texas held a children's revival in Bethel Temple in October. The General Superintendent, Brother Gayle Lewis, while in California on vacation, visiting his father in Modesto, was guest speaker Sunday, October 12. The pastor is Robert Carrington.

**VALLEJO (First Assembly)** — Beginning October 19, Brother and Sister A. J. Morrison, missionary evangelists in Hawaii for six years, held evangelistic meetings with Pastor J. L. Gerhart for two weeks.

**WEITCHPEC**—Pastor Wesley Davidson reports that three were saved during meetings with Mrs. Sargent and daughter Colleen. These meetings were followed by another campaign with Evangelist Dave Harris, a Cherokee Indian.

**YREKA** — Brother James A. Benney's resignation as pastor was effective November 15. He has accepted the call to the Red Bluff Assembly.



**THE NEW CHURCH IN DIXON** was designed and built by Pastor Stanley Walsh. The auditorium, 40 by 50 feet, seats 211. The building as it is now has a study and a classroom, as well as a nursery arranged and equipped so mothers can see and hear the service while taking care of their children. Pastor Walsh says, "About 80 per cent of the work was done by the men and women of the church; only the cement block and rough carpentry work being subcontracted. We plan on finishing the building in the immediate future. This will consist of a wing that will house the C. A. auditorium and additional Sunday school classrooms. The church is right across the street from a tract of 50 new homes, on the growing side of town. We have enough land for a parsonage to be built later." Pastor and congregation are to be congratulated for what they have accomplished.

## Personal Mention

Evangelist and Mrs. Homer M. Doyle have spent much of the summer in meetings in Iowa. Following four weeks of meetings in Ames, they were in Knoxville for ten days before going to Tampa, Florida, in mid-October to have a revival campaign for Pastor Ringness.

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Albert J. Lebeck is the new president of the California-Nevada Gideon Association. He was elected to this office at their annual convention, which was held in Pasadena October 9 to 12. The State Ladies Auxiliary Association elected Mrs. Lebeck as its vice-president. The lobby of the new Statler Hotel in Los Angeles was the scene of the public dedication and presentation of 1300 Bibles for its guest rooms. The presentation was made by the Gideon International president. The dedication prayer was by Ted Kummerfeld, former state president and now the new Gideon International Chaplain.

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Sister Emmy Pearson returned November 8 from a trip to Sweden. She spent seven weeks traveling about in that Scandinavian country.

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Evangelist Stanley MacPherson left November 11 for another preaching tour in the West Indies. His travels will include Puerto Rico, Haiti, Jamaica, and Cuba.

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The new address of Evangelist and Mrs. E. A. (Pete) North is 2222 X Street, Sacramento. Phone Hillcrest 5-1107.

## New Arrivals

A new voice is to be heard at the parsonage in Los Banos. David Dwane arrived November 1 to join the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. Thomas M. Ming, Jr.

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Brother and Sister Leroy L. Reif of Manteca have welcomed a new son into their home. Stanley Wayne was born November 9.

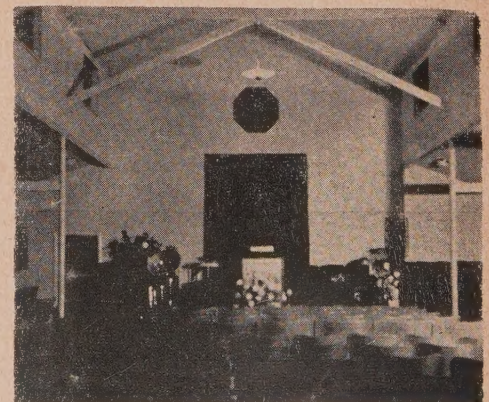
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Pastor and Mrs. Martin S. Engebretsen of Hayfork welcomed a new son into their home October 12. He is being called Martin Cecil.

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David Keith is the name of the son born to Pastor and Mrs. William W. Wedgeworth, Jr., of Lewiston on October 14.

**LOT FOR SALE AT BETHANY PARK.** Brother P. A. Megna wishes to sell Lot No. 42, which is situated on Pisgah Heights Road with a view of the valley below. Write him, 2416 Sunny Vista Drive, San Jose, or phone CHerry 3-1058.



**THE INTERIOR** of the new Dixon Church.





**THE ASSEMBLY IN SOQUEL** has a new home. The building, formerly the Soquel Inn, located on Porter Avenue and West Walnut, was purchased at a remarkably low figure. The large dining room has been converted into an auditorium, and other rooms were readily adaptable for Sunday school facilities. It has a good kitchen and is carpeted throughout. The equipment in the building was included in the purchase price. Besides a garage and storage space, the property includes the oldest well in the community. The building was dedicated Sunday afternoon, November 16. (See **HERE AND THERE**.) Sister Elizabeth Richardson is the pastor.

## Missionary News

Sister Inez Kreiss will be leaving her Oakland address about January 15 for New York; so all correspondence should reach her there not later than January 13. The address is 7106-A Halliday Avenue, Oakland 5. Sister Kreiss plans to sail from New York February 18 on the *S. S. United States*, going to Southampton, England. She expects to sail from London on the *S. S. Himalaya* for Bombay on February 24. In New York she will be joined by Sister Edith Imhoff, another missionary to India, and they will travel to their work together. She will appreciate prayer that her visa will come through in good time; they are very hard to obtain these days.

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Brother and Sister Arthur Lindvall and their family are leaving for El Salvador immediately after Christmas, before the first of the year. They are going to drive through Mexico and on to Santa Ana, the city in which is located the Bible school and their work. Brother Lindvall requests prayer for the school. At the present time the country is under military rule because of Communist uprisings. There are 48 students enrolled. In mid-October there was a moving of the Spirit of God in the school so that the students were given to prayer and no classes could be held, and nine received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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Brother J. P. Kolenda, long a missionary in Brazil, and who makes his home in Turlock when not on the mission field, is being sent to Germany to head the Bible School in Stuttgart. His wife and daughters are remaining in Turlock for the present.

## Women's Missionary Council

### In Sectional Fellowship Rallies

There has been a wonderful response this year to the assignments. Many home missionaries, foreign missionaries and missionary children are being remembered at Christmas. I trust we remember all. If your sectional director has assigned someone to you and you failed to send something, will you send an air mail letter today? You can include some small item if you wish. Directors, if all the assignments were not taken, will you be responsible for air mail letters being sent overseas to those missionaries and children assigned to your section? Thanks for the pledges and offerings for table settings for G.T.B.I. Our faith is rising for the 200 settings! Brother Johnson is an excellent cook. If you have extra raisins, dried prunes, apricots or anything else eatable, send them over and he will be glad to make them into delicious deserts and dishes for the students. His pies are the home-made variety "like mother makes."

At least three new WMCs have been organized recently, San Bruno, the North Side Assembly at Salinas, and Community Full Gospel Church, Modesto. They are working on Christmas boxes for home missionaries.

A number of sectional rallies have been held this fall throughout the District. *South San Joaquin*—Mrs. J. C. Snyder reports good attendance and fine fellowship at Kerman. Sister Ovid Dillingham from India was the speaker. *North San Joaquin*—rally held at Community Full Gospel Church, Modesto, with Sister Inez Kreiss of India, and Brother Floyd Thomas, Africa, speakers. Mrs. Warren Hull is the sectional director.

## Loves Towrope

A powerful tugboat was pulling a string of barges on the Thames. They were connected by long towlines that drag in the water, lift, sag again and splash, but never draw tight. They are strong. The strain on them wrings the drops of water from their closely laid strands.

If such a cable, even the strongest, ever tightened to a straight line, the jerk of the small waves would snap it.

God draws men by the pull of love's long slack that begins slowly and holds security. By the strength of gentleness the cord of love holds in situations where the law would fail.

If you would use love's towrope, remember it must be strong enough to hold when the strain wrings from it every hidden drop of selfishness. Then love draws the largest loads safely because it does not drag with violence, is not too tight, yet never lets go.

*North Bay*—"About 75 ladies (and a few men) attended the morning and afternoon meetings of the WMC rally at San Rafael on Thursday, October 9. Reports from the various WMC groups told of God's blessing on their labors for Him and of the things they had made for those in need. It proved that much can be done by cooperation, and with God's blessing. Sister Wheeler Anderson spoke at the morning service on 'provoking to good works!' She told what a blessing the WMC is to the missionaries, but also encouraged them to pray much, because without prayer they can accomplish nothing along spiritual lines. The Andersons were given a shower of groceries and some handwork. A fund was started toward the purchase of a sewing machine for them to take back to Africa when they return. Brother Wheeler Anderson brought the afternoon message and encouraged the ladies in their work—and in their prayers. He said that many folk on the field are very much surprised at all that is given to the missionaries by the WMC and Speed-the-Light. It proves to them that the love of God constrains us to do all in our power to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

"It was decided to have the spring rally in Benicia. We look forward to these sectional rallies. The Lord always blesses and encourages us to do more for Him and for our home and foreign missionaries and their children. We also enjoy the fellowship of those from other churches in our section." Mrs. L. R. Anderson of Santa Rosa is the sectional director.



**Peninsula Section**—Mrs. W. P. Steelberg is the director, and the rally was held at Redwood City. Brother and Sister Floyd Thomas and Sister Lulu (Ashmore) Baird were the missionary speakers. Brother and Sister Baird have recently returned from Singapore and the Thomas family from Gold Coast, West Africa. A shower was presented to the Thomas family.

**Coast Counties** rally was held at Morgan Hill. The theme was "The Harvest is Ready—The Storm is Coming." The speakers were Mrs. Bernice Procter from the island of Maui, Territory of Hawaii; Brother and Sister Floyd Thomas from Africa; Brother and Sister Vallance Baird from Singapore; Mrs. R. J. Thurmond; and Mrs. R. P. Murray, the sectional director. A shower of canned foods was divided between the missionaries. The evening service was a missionary rally and featured pictures of Africa and Asia, as well as missionary speakers.

**East Bay**—At the Oakland Auditorium another grand missionary convention and WMC rally was held October 13 and 14. The WMC took over Tuesday morning and afternoon, introducing the missionaries present, presenting needs, and giving gifts to the missionaries. Brother Paul Pipkin gave the message of the afternoon. Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson is the sectional director. There were missionary pictures in the evening, a missionary parade in native costumes, and Brother Kenneth Short brought the message.

The following by A. P. Upham was given by Mrs. Oliver Foth when she took the offering:

"Why should we give money to save heathen in our own country?

Why should I give money to save those in other parts of the country when there are needy ones in my own state?

Why should I give for those in other parts of the state when there are needy ones in my own town?

Why should I give to the poor of the town when my own church needs the money?

Why should I give to the church when my own family wants it?

Why should I give to my family what I want myself?

Why? Because I am a Christian, not a heathen."—Mrs. R. J. T.

### Daily Christmas in the Heart

There is a story of a young woman who had been with an outing party all day. In the morning, as she left her home, almost unconsciously she had slipped a branch of sweetbrier into her bosom. She altogether forgot that it was there. All day, whenever she went with her friends, she and others smelled the spicy fragrance, but none knew whence it came. That night, when she went to her room, there was the sprigs of sweet-

Calling your attention to . . .

## Glad Tidings Bible Institute



**LEADERS OF THE FRESHMAN CLASS** at G.T.B.I., were recently elected. They are (left to right): Ivan York, president, former youth evangelist whose home church is South Modesto Acres; Charlene Battrell, secretary-treasurer, former C. A. president at Ukiah; and Everett Wilson, vice-president, son of Pastor R. A. Wilson in Roseville. Student Council representatives are: Marilyn Wood, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Claude O. Wood of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Johnny Leverett, from the Ceres church, who teaches piano lessons at G. T., and who formerly was engaged as Youth for Christ pianist in the Modesto area; and Bea Curtright, daughter of Pastor C. E. Curtright of South San Francisco.

brier tucked away in her dress, where it had been tucked in the morning, and where she had carried it all day.

It is when we have the sweetness in our own life that we begin to be a sweetener of other lives. We cannot depend upon others for our Christlikeness, but if we have it in our own hearts we will impart it to those about us. We cannot find sweetness on every path that our feet must press. Sometimes we must be among uncongenial people, people whose lives are not loving, with whom it is not easy to live cordially in close relations. The only way to be sure of making all our course in life a path of sweetness is to have the fragrance in ourselves. Then on bleakest roads, where not a flower blooms, we still shall walk in perfumed air, the perfume being in our hearts. It is our own hearts that makes our world. We find everywhere what we take with us. If our lives are gentle, patient, loving, we find gentleness, patience, kindness everywhere. But if our hearts are bitter, jealous, suspicious, we find bitterness, jealousy, suspicion on every path.

*"In ourselves the sunshine dwells,*

*In ourselves the music swells;*

*Everywhere the heart awake*

*Finds what pleasure it can make;*

*Everywhere the light and shade*

*By the gazer's eye is made."*

Let us strive to make Christmas a per-

*The following is an excerpt from a sermon by Ivan York, president of the freshman class at Glad Tidings Bible Institute.*

The Jewish nation had been carried away into Babylonian captivity, their lovely temple destroyed, their hopes gone; a cloud of dismay hung low. The captives placed their harps, once vibrating with melody, upon the drooping willows.

Strangers passed by and, seeing the harps hanging dormant, asked to hear those well known songs of Zion that the Jews had sung while in their homeland. The reply came, "How can we take our harps down and sing those songs of Zion, those songs of victory and conquest, when we dwell captives in a strange land?"

You, friend, may be standing alone with convictions contrary to your neighbors. You may be laughed at, mocked, ridiculed, misunderstood, so you place your harp upon the willows, no longer able to sing the songs of victory.

Perhaps there are students whose grades have not been as outstanding as desired; maybe financial obligations are staring them in the face and there is no money or income to meet them. Perhaps this has produced a sullen, despairing, defeatist attitude, causing them to place their harps upon the willows.

It is an established fact that this generation is living in hectic days of world strife and impending danger. Men's hearts are failing them for fear; suicide, murder, crime is rampant. And multitudes are placing their harps upon the willows, having lost their song.

A singing canary had been taken from its cage and held tightly in the hand of its mistress. By exerting much effort, it squeezed free, with the price of leaving its lovely tail feathers behind. No sooner was it free, however, than it began to sing. The missing tail feathers did not hinder its song.

The Psalmist said "In the night his song shall be with me" (Psalm 42:8). As the song says: "Anyone can sing when the sun's shining bright, but you need a song in your heart at night." Cast your cares upon Jesus; He can put a song in your heart.

**Wherever you ripe fields behold,**

**Waving to God their sheaves of gold,**

**Be sure some corn or wheat has died,**

**Some soul has there been crucified;**

**Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed**

**And fought hell's legions undismayed.**

ennial festival, not merely a festival of one day. This does not mean a constant celebration of the outer life of Christmas, but a continuance of its spirit.

—Expositor



# Current Signs

ITEMS OF INTEREST BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## Home of the Jews

For the first time in history, the Western Hemisphere is the home of a majority of the Jews of the world, according to a study issued by the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress.

## Japan Needs the Word

Gospel seed-sowing in Japan, it appears, will have to be done quickly or not at all. It looks like good soil for the rapid growth of Communism, with its high prices, low wages, long hours, rationing, and industries going bankrupt every month. With its total area less than that of California, Japan has 84 million people, and is increasing 1,500,000 annually. There are 3,400 people per square mile and only a fifth of the land can be cultivated.

## Now on a Different Mission

The Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor has become a sky pilot. Captain Mitsuo Fuchida, 50, has said in an interview that he was converted to Christianity after the war and will devote the rest of his life to preaching the gospel. He has come to this country to train for a year as a missionary before returning home. For the attack on Pearl Harbor, he said he trained 360 pilots a month and a half. He tells us that as they flew to the attack he was filled with love of his country and hatred for the Americans, "but there was no real joy in my heart."

## Man of Extinction

One of the big distillers of the nation demanded that the Washington Temperance Association change its billboard advertising. The sign read: "The Man of Distinction May Become a Man of Extinction—Through Liquor." The wording was said to be injurious to the liquor concern, its trademark running: "For men of distinction." The Association declined to change the wording, claiming that liquor men have no control over the words of *men of distinction*. We believe the statement on the signs is true.

## Hotels Want Bibles

*World Outlook* reports that an atheist organization recently persuaded the management of a 600-room hotel to take the Gideon Bibles out of the rooms. The first night the night clerk had over 200 calls from rooms wanting to know what had become of the Bible. The next day the Bibles went back in.

## Machine Computes Like Lightning

An electronic calculator used by the engineering staff of an aircraft manufacturer's engineering staff can add a column of more than 32,000 figures in the time it takes to read this sentence. The calculator can do 2,714 additions or

subtractions, 79 multiplications or 65 divisions in a second. The machine can perform as many as 360,000 single operations an hour.

## Crime is High Priced

J. Edgar Hoover points out that criminals in the U. S. force us to spend yearly more than four and two-thirds as much on them as we spend for all forms of education.

## Still Greater Speed

Test Pilot Bill Bridgeman, who flew higher and faster than any other man so far as is known, says he did not even have his plane wide open when his rocket-powered Navy Skyrocket fighter plane made a record of 1,238 miles an hour last August. In one flight he climbed to a record altitude of 79,494 feet. The easy-going, 35-year-old former Navy bomber pilot was dropped in the Skyrocket from the bombbay of a B-29 mother ship at 40,000 feet for the flights. He sped into the heavens with all four rockets blasting for only a few minutes before the rockets flamed out and he started a 600-mile an hour deadstick glide back to the floor of Rodgers Dry Lake near Murdoc, California, on the Mohave Desert. He landed at about 160 miles an hour.

## ANSWER TO PRAYER

The clouds hung low across my sky  
And hid God's smiling face.  
I almost doubted if he dwelt  
In heaven, His dwelling place.  
And when I prayed, I seemed to feel  
My prayers come back again,  
As though they met a wall of brass  
And all had been in vain.

One precious gift I had long sought  
And could not be denied.  
My heart refused to give it up,  
And for it I longed and sighed;  
And when it came not, then a doubt  
Of all God's loving care  
Crept up within my heart and caused  
A thorn to ramble there.

Lo, in its place I found one day  
Life's dearest choicest gift,  
And through the clouds God's smiling face  
Like sunshine through a rift,  
I heard a voice speak to my soul,  
That caused my heart to sing,  
"I never fail to grant a prayer,  
Save greater joys to bring.

"Within my Book the truth is found,  
Like words of purest gold.  
To the child of God, all things work well  
That doth his life enfold."  
So murmur not at good denied,  
But wait to see the end;  
Then greater good shall crown thy life  
In blessings He shall send.

—Anon.

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## Peaceful Christmas



I question if Christmas can ever be "merry"

Except to the heart of an innocent child.  
For when time has taught us the meaning  
of sorrow

And sobered the spirits that once were  
so wild,

When all the green graves that lie scattered  
behind us,

Like milestones are marking the length  
of the way,

And echoes of voices that no more shall  
greet us

Have saddened the chimes of the bright  
Christmas day;

We may not be merry, the long years  
forbid it,

The years that have brought such mani-  
fold smart;

But we may be joyous, if only we carry

The spirit of Christmas deep down in  
our hearts.

Threefold is the Spirit, thus blending to-  
gether

The faith of the shepherds who came to  
the King;

And, knowing naught else but the angel's  
glad message,

Had only their faith to His cradle to  
bring;

The hope of the Wise Men that rose like  
the Daystar

To lighten the centuries' midnight of  
wrong.

And the love of the Child in the manger  
low-lying,

So tender and patient, so sweet and so  
strong.

Hence I shall not wish you the old "Merry  
Christmas,"

Since that is of shadowless childhood  
apart,

But one that is holy, and joyous and peace-  
ful,

The spirit of Christmas deep down in the  
heart.

—Annie Johnson Flint

## Try Knee Work

Christ picked them out on his knees. Slowly, thoughtfully, through the night, he sifted back and forth, taking account of weaknesses and drawbacks, till at last the list of twelve men stood clear. A great night's work, that, getting fishermen ready to be apostles. No wonder Peter came back, and John's fire burned out in love. That night's knee work did it. Nothing human can resist quiet, steady, confident knee work. Try it on your daily job.—S. D. Gordon.

"As thou goest, thy way shall be  
opened up step by step before thee."—  
(Prov. 4:12, Hebrew translation.)